Town of Dudley Massachusetts

Economic Development Committee Dudley Municipal Complex

71 West Main Street Dudley, MA 01571

John Briare, Chairman Marcia Wagner, Secretary Todd Donohoe, Treasurer Barbara Zurawski, Vice Chairman Ellen Laprise, Clerk Jo-Ann Szymczak, Member

Economic Development CommitteeAugust 18, 2016 Minutes

Present: John Briare, Todd Donohoe, Barbara Zurawski, Ellen Laprise, Marcia Wagner, Jo-Ann Szymczak, Peter Fox, Selectman and Don Johnson, Town Planner

Meeting was opened at 9:07 by Chairman, John Briare

No minutes were provided for acceptance.

Introduction and welcome to the new Town Planner, Don Johnson.

Guests: Holly Connors of "Paint with Blue" operats a mobile art gallery and studio. The company provides paint parties at residences and function facilities. Second guest was Christopher Treadwell of "Its About Time" which is a dry cleaning pick up and delivery service. Asked what our town can do to assist their business, they suggested a business spot light on our website.

Old Business: Update on progress of town brochure. Barbara Zurawski is contacting business to be included in the brochure for their preferred verbiage. The committee will be looking for the best and final offers from printing companies at the next meeting.

Mission Statement: The committee agreed to keep the original mission statement as it is written.

The Town Administrator has advised the committee to change the name from safe zone to an internet exchange area under video surveillance because the town cannot guarantee safety. The availability of the area will be incorporated on the town website.

Town Planner, Don Johnson suggested town officials partake in a envisioning session in regard to a town center and economic growth.

John Briare has taken on the website update and conversion putting in 100 plus hours of his own time. He complimented Deb Thibodeau for the extraordinary job she has been doing on a volunteer basis to update the website with current postings. Peter Fox mentioned his concern that the new site will be user friendly to ensure its use.

Meeting adjourned at 10:28. Motion by Marcia Wagner, 2nd by Ellen Laprise, all in favor.